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NEBRASKA LETTER.

HEBON, JEFFERSON, CO.,

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MR. EDITOR:—In my last I promised to tell you about this section of the country.

HEBON

is situated on the Little Blue river about two hundred and twenty five miles southwest of Omaha, and is in the exact center of Jefferson county. The town consists of one house, a store, which does a brisk business in supplying emigrants and settlers.

The nearest village, Meridian, (so called because situated on the exact line of the sixth principal meridian), is fifteen miles from here; our nearest market town, Beatrice, is sixty miles. I give the above items to show how isolated we are.

Now for a full description of HEBON, and its prospects. The original town site consists of eighty acres, laid out by an association residing here: said association consists of eighteen members, all of whom are straightforward, fair dealing men. These members are all pledged to allow no liquor dealers to purchase lots, nor to sell to those who will not sign the same pledges. Since I came at other eighty acres have been laid off. No doubt my readers wonder what there is to build up such a seeming hopeless town. I will anticipate the question, and answer as concisely as possible.

In the first place, let me remark, Jefferson county is a union of two counties, viz.—Jones and Jefferson, and known under the name of the latter. There is no town in Jefferson county, proper, but HEBON, which as I stated above is laid out upon the exact county center. A petition has been signed for a division of the county, and has met the approval of Gov. BROWN. We feel confident the legislature will grant it at their next session. In that case, HEBON will be the county seat of the western half. Then again, we are to have a railroad before Jan. 1872; it is known as the St. Joe & Denver road. A mill is to be put up in the spring, and a brick yard is to be in full operation. These are other advantages of which I will speak in some future letter. During this month four new houses will be built.

The most satisfactory proof of our infant town's future success is the country and its inhabitants. I can only re-affirm of this section what I said about Beatrice.

A fine rolling prairie, with fine streams and plenty of timber on them; limestone is plenty, and some indications of coal are found along the streams.

Most of the inhabitants of this section are nearly all members of the Disciple church. There are three elders among us, and although their daily cares are many, the holy Sabbath finds them ready for the service of their Master; and earnestly they labor to keep their little flock from going astray. We have no house of worship, and can only meet in private houses.

My readers must not imagine pleasant, cozy domicils. Let me draw you a pen portrait of a Nebraska frontier house. The side of a hill dug out, say twelve by fourteen, the front built up with prairie sod having a place for a door and window, some forked poles inside, a ridge pole, rafters, brush, dirt and grass on top, and my picture is complete. In these live not only farmers with rugged families, but men and women who have been familiar with Brussels carpet, downy beds, the glories of the brilliant chandelier and all the appurtenances of wealth or moderate circumstances. Misfortune has overtaken them, and with the true spirit of men and women, they have voluntarily exiled themselves from all comforts, and are roughing it in dug out. In a year or so, most of these humble shelters will be superseded by comfortable frame of brick houses.

To-morrow I start with a party of six for the Platte river. We are going on a buffalo hunt. If I am fortunate enough to escape a certain tonsorial operation that Mr. "Lo" has a peculiar peculiarity for, I shall endeavor to entertain my readers with an account of the trip. Respectfully, FRANK B. TANNER.

When is a young man's arm like the Gospels? When it makes glad the waist places.

ABOUT CANALS.

The following article in reference to the peculiar advantages afforded by canals for heavy transportation, taken from the Toledo *Blade*, will be read by our patrons with more than ordinary interest. It presents in strong colors the advantages this means of heavy carrying heavy freight affords, at the same time admitting its slowness compared with railway velocity. Coal, stone, ore, and other weighty materials are transported along this canal in vast quantities, and at such rates as a faster means of moving cannot afford. This is a special favor to our furnace men, marble manufacturers, and those who use large quantities of heavy articles.

The idea is not, as we understand it, to dispense with railroads, but rather to relieve them of carrying such freight as is not convenient to carry by that means.

COAL AND THE CANALS.

Our people of Ohio should keep an eye to the future in all their action in reference to our canal system. Our present necessities require a more liberal policy and a greater degree of attention than have been given to our canals.

The apathy of the canal countries in reference to their own interests is largely the reason why a sentiment to them has sprung up in those sections of the state not immediately interested in them. Off the line of the canals, their value to the state is not well understood, owing to our lack of diligence in diffusing information on the subject, and to a culpable negligence in pushing their claims on public attention. But the prudent man will anticipate the needs of the future. One of the necessities of the immediate as well as of the remote future is cheap fuel. So long as we were destroying wood to get rid of it we could not afford to use coal, as wood could be had so much cheaper. But the day when we cannot afford to use wood for fuel in north-western Ohio, in Michigan, and in northern Indiana is near at hand.

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The war news continues to be vary in its character—sometimes giving the French a little advantage, then again placing the Prussians ahead. Taking altogether it looks to the people of this country as if Paris is a doomed city, and notwithstanding the persistent efforts of the French leaders and armies, it must ultimately fall before the power of the German legions. The city is surrounded by the forces of King William, and they are all actuated by that Teutonic trait, persistence, which, added to their successes heretofore, in this war, places them in the list of conquerors. There is no giving back to them, but onward is the word. It is possible that long ere this Paris might have been bombarded and taken, but the German leaders are anxious to settle the question without further effusion of blood and loss of property. Then efforts have also been made for truces which thus far have failed.—Then reduced to extremity the beleaguered city must give up and fall a prey to the ambition of the French leaders. By all the friends of peace and humanity it is hoped that the war may soon cease to bring terror, confusion, desolation and death to thousands of innocent people. A late report says that Bismarck is about to restore Napoleon on the French throne, in order to have some authorized, responsible personage with whom to ratify terms of lasting peace. Napoleon may do for a transient purpose of that kind, but he certainly would not long be the ruler of the French people.

The free trade and tariff questions are now agitating our politicians, each party endeavoring to establish something rather too indefinite for most people to comprehend. It looks to us as if this is one of the questions that will settle itself without the aid of legislation. What is called protection may seem plain enough to those who have a definite theory on the subject, but the practical question comes up in the minds of some. Who shall the laws protect? that is, what kind of business or manufacturing shall be favored with the benefits of special legislation? If one class is to be the recipients of benefits arising from enactments in its favor, it will look a little one-sided to not extend protection to all. A fair field and honorable competition is about all that seems to us that should be asked by anyone of the government. It is right that law should protect people against wrong doing, or violations of the laws of justice—that is the use of law as defined by some authors; but when it comes to legislation in favor of interests then trouble ensues. When this species of legislation is resorted to it does look as if, in the language of some one, that we are governed too much. That the parties debating these points are honest in their convictions there is no question—good may come of their discussions, and their conclusions may lead to legislation, but experience must prove whether this legislation is just.

Congress is still making slow advances toward the abolition of the franking system, a bill to that effect having passed the house by a decided majority. But it seems more difficult to get it through the senate. Perhaps the members belong to that class of poor folks who are unable to pay postage, yet at the big wages they receive for often performing a very small amount of work, it would seem they might manage, with a little economy, to pay their postage. Many of us don't get ten dollars a day, as these congressmen do, yet if we attempt to fool Uncle Sam out of three cents postage he will after us with a retinue of officials and make us pay dearly for imitating the ten dollars a day gentlemen.

According to what we see in the papers the Pennsylvania anthracite coal miners are on a big strike, some 9,000 or 40,000 of them having laid down their tools and refusing to work. It is all on account of wages. This has raised the price of coal in New York \$1 per ton, and the probability is it may continue to increase, unless the miners soon get to work, though there are large quantities of the article above ground. These strikes are bad for the working men, and coming at this time of the year must cause no small degree of suffering.

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Washington and New York. The *World*, of the last named place, democrat as it is, denounces the efforts of this murderous villain to thus debauch the public ear.

And but the other day McCreery, a chivalrous Kentucky senator, offered a resolution to relinquish the lands once owned by the arch traitor, Lee, but now in possession of the government, and where the bodies of some 17,000 union soldiers lie buried, remove these remains and return the land to Lee's family. In support of this infamous measure he pronounced a eulogy on the leader of the rebel armies, but the scorching he received for this insolence, even from his own partisans, caused him to withdraw the disgraceful proposal.

Cruelty to animals is a theme which has often been discussed, and is worthy the attention of every humane person. In the city of New York, a Mr. Berg has made this reform a specialty, and has so far succeeded as to form an association there which has wielded a beneficent influence in behalf of horses and other animals that have so often been maltreated by men who seemed to be less human than quadrupeds. Similar associations have been formed elsewhere with good results. Every day if one is a little observant he can see but too plainly man's inhumanity to the brute creation, for it is plain everywhere, among all people and is not limited to quadrupeds but extends to bipeds as well. At Boston a very handsome monthly is published discussing this important matter in a reformed and proper spirit.

Monday's Tribune of New York suggests a grand idea when it intimates to the municipal appointing powers of that town, that sober men be selected to perform the duties of policemen. It is highly proper that such a rule should be adopted in all the towns. Even at Canton one who was calabozed by the police intimates that he was thus put in limbo for no crime committed, and that when he treated these officials to a heavy jorum of whisky they allowed him to go free. These whisky watchmen are a rather uncertain set to have about, pretending to protect life and property.

Our citizens, we understand, are still at work increasing their stock on the Baltimore and Ohio Western railroad. We have not heard the amount subscribed up to this time, but it cannot be far from \$100,000. Other places are so at work along a proposed route, so that the aggregate sum raised by subscription must be very large, perhaps enough to grade the the track, as the B. & O. Road propose to put down the rails and furnish the stock. Whoever is favored with this road, whether here or elsewhere will have an acquisition well worth competing for, as it will be one of the great routes of the country, connecting points hitherto separate so far as railroad communication is concerned.

Winter commences to-day, as it is now the shortest of the year. This morning was the coldest of the season—but there is no sleighing.

Cincinnati, Dec. 19. Gas holder No. 5 of the Cincinnati gas works exploded at five o'clock this evening, with four hundred and fifty cubic feet of gas. The concussion was felt miles away. Persons within a few squares first noticed a low rumbling sound, with an oppressive condition of the atmosphere, like that attending an earthquake. Suddenly flames shot upward, illuminating the clouded heavens with red and white light, and revealing clearly an outline of the surrounding hills. Eight immense iron columns that supported the holder were thrown out and mainly broken to fragments.

The Indian Territory promises soon to become one in fact and form as well as name. The semi-civilized Choctaws, Cherokees, and other tribes concentrated in that district, are engaged at this time in forming a territorial government, and are to ask admission to the union as a state. The condition of these tribes, socially and industrially, has greatly improved of late years; and under a good territorial government they ought to be soon instructed in the civil duties and become worthy citizens of the republic.—Tribune.

The appointment of Gen. Schenck as Minister to England was accepted by the whole country as an assurance that a settlement of the Alabama claims was to be insisted upon. Later facts connected with the mission confirm this assurance, and establish beyond doubt that conditions satisfactory to the American people are to be enforced. It is understood at Washington that Gen. Schenck will go instructed to demand payment of the claims of American ship owners for vessels lost, with interest added, reimbursement to the American government for expenses incurred in consequence of the depredations of English-Confederate cruisers, and public recognition of the principles of neutrality hitherto insisted upon by our government. Public sentiment on this question has so far improved in England that the last is the only one at which the British nation is likely to demur, and in view of the present complicated relations with the rest of Europe, it may be glad to hasten a mutual understanding on that point somewhat at variance with her own past practice.—Tribune.

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London, Friday, Dec. 16, 1870. King William of Holland has telegraphed to the government of Luxembourg that he will defend the treaty of 1867, and the honor and independence of the duchy. He also approves the acts of the government of Luxembourg.

The Luxemburgers have united in an address to Prince Henry of Orange, imploring him not to allow the destruction of the political existence of the Grand Duchy without the proper union soldiers lie buried, remove these remains and return the land to Lee's family.

It is announced from Berlin that the Prussian government declares that the great powers of Europe concerned themselves in the Luxemburg matter in the face of her plain violation of neutrality in favor of the French, Prussia, therefore, reserves to herself full freedom for her future course.

The Times of yesterday, in an editorial on the Luxemburg question, says it is not England's duty alone to resist the absorption of Luxemburg by Prussia, and thinks that perhaps Prussia may be satisfied with the acquisition, and forego the taking of Lorraine from France.

Some of the Washington correspondents of leading republican journals state that there seems to be no longer any doubt that during the present session of congress the income tax will be abolished. At least a dozen bills looking to this end have been presented, and there is a stronger feeling against the tax than ever before. Many members assert that since the reduction of the tax during the last session, little more than the expense of collecting will be realized, and if wholly repealed the revenue bureau will be enabled to reduce the force of officers and clerks, and abate other enormous expenditures to such a degree that the government will lose little by the change, to say nothing of the benefits which will follow the abolition of the tax.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

L.O.O.F.—Every member of Sippo Lodge, No. 48, is requested to be at the Lodge room on next Monday evening, as business of special importance and interest is to be transacted.

A full attendance of members of the Massillon Lodge of L.O.G.T. is requested on to-morrow evening at their hall as business of importance is to be considered and acted upon.

For special reasons the lecture which was to have taken place on last evening at the Presbyterian church, by Mr. Eells, of Clevedon, will not be delivered until next Tuesday evening, the 27th inst. Fuller notice will be given hereafter, and we hope the speaker will be greeted with the presence of a large audience.

The little snow which fell last week had a rapid accession to its stock on last Monday in the afternoon. It had the effect to bring out teams, sleighs, bells and people, and wore the appearance of winter, but about dark began to fall, which took off a considerable portion of the snow, so that it was spoiled further amusement in the way of sleighing.

Some of those people who are interested in the cause of education, in Tuscarawas county, propose to have a spelling match at the union school house in Canal Dover, on the 28th inst. Not more than three are to represent one school, and the whole number of contestants is put at forty—no more. Prizes proposed for two of the successful spellers are an unabridged copy of Webster's dictionary (price \$12) and a handsome medal worth \$6. While the present arid trary and unreasonable method of spelling our words is the rule—hardly one in a hundred is pronounced as spelled—such rivalry is well, for according to the varying standards of orthography there are rare cases of persons who are respectably complete in this branch of elementary instruction. Even among printers, whose business it is to spell words with their fingers, there are those who are very defective, and when we come to lawyers, doctors, preachers and other professional men, we find among their manuscript productions some decided transgressors in the matter of orthography. We go, therefore, for this spelling combat, hoping it may have a tendency to improve somebody in this branch of education. But as scarce as good spellers are they far more more numerous than are effective readers. That art also needs cultivation.

A lawsuit, before arbitrators, of more than ordinary interest was tried at the mayor's office, which continued nearly two weeks. The names of the parties litigant were Haughman, plaintiff, and the defendants heirs of Mr. Jacob Beidleman, recently deceased, all of Sugar Creek township. Mr. Haughman claimed something over \$3,800 for taking care of the deceased when helpless for a considerable length of time, which the other party refused to pay until the question was legally decided. Some forty witnesses were examined, being aided by Robert F. Pease, Esq., for the plaintiff and Mr. Lynch, of Canton, for the defense. The case was warmly and keenly contested, and resulted in a verdict of some \$2,400 in favor of the claimant.

The Canton papers are having a lively time in wrangling about the way the city authorities are attending or not attending to business. Who is to blame for the superabundance of mud which was to be found there during the rainy season is not decided, but it is alleged that somebody who has charge of the street crossings manages to make them rather lower than adjacent grounds, so that the mud in these places is rather deeper than elsewhere, and probably of quite as good quality.

The Alliance papers represent that the late financial disasters that have come upon some of the business men, there, although of a serious nature, will not prove as fatal to the place as was anticipated. The college, which some regarded as gone up, is going on with its regular sessions, and we hope will be sustained.

Bro. Rukenbod, proprietor of the Salem *Republican*, has recently very much improved that paper by putting the locals in bourgeois type, which is certainly a vast advantage to those whose sight is failing. It also adds to the better appearance of the paper. While the little nanoparol is good for compressing considerable reading in a small space, the tiny faces of the types are such small points comparatively, as to be regular eye-punchers.

Messrs. Beatty & Atwater are slaughtering large numbers of hogs—from 60 to 80 a day. The season will soon be over for this business. Farmers and others having that sort of work to do are generally through with it. The next job is to eat the carcasses, which would take some of us a long time to accomplish especially if we observe the law of Moses on this point.

This is not a very original conundrum: Why are many of the papers in the country like inflated balls? Because their contents consists principally in puffs. Some that are received at this office have columns of gassy puffs, and perhaps not half a dozen locals. This makes rather lean reading for the seek after knowledge. But perhaps this blowing pays. If so—nuff said.

The quality of paper which we have been using of late without a strain of words may be decided as coming under the head of miserable. As we pay cash for the article, asking no trust of the manufacturers, we are decidedly of the opinion that we should have a better article.

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